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MEMORANDUM FOR : Life Support Section, []
SUBJECT : Evaluation of Location of Auxiliary
Survival Weapon for []

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1. Headquarters has approved the carrying of an additional survival weapon by [] on operational missions. INTEL/O/OSA has selected the weapon and will supply them to []. However, a suitable location for carrying the weapon, other than in the seat kit, has not been finalized. It is therefore requested that [] Life Support section serve as evaluators and advisors on this matter.

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2. One of the weapons to be used is being forwarded separately. It is suggested that the evaluation include the following:

a. From your knowledge and experience, select locations on the pilot where a holster could be attached allowing immediate access without affecting comfort, mobility, pressure suit or parachute function and without interfering with cockpit controls.

b. Have suitable holsters fabricated for the weapon for attachment to the coverall, pressure suit, or flying boot as appropriate to the locations you select as being most feasible. It may be appropriate to try various materials (leather, cloth, etc.) for fabrication of the holster and various means of attachment, as well as various locations.

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c. Evaluate the items in the cockpit with respect to clearances, interference and comfort. Once the optimum location is identified, the item may be evaluated in flight.

3. Upon completion of this evaluation, it is requested that you furnish Headquarters Life Support with your conclusions and recommendations, plans and specifications for fabrication and location, a sample of the final item if appropriate, and detailed photographs as applicable.

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